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SUBJ: OIL DRILLING AT ASHDOD AND IN THE SINAI

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1. HAARETZ STATED ON AUGUST 27 THAT ISRAELI OIL CIRCLES EAGERLY AWAIT THE COMPLETION OF DRILLING AT ASHDOD 3. AT THIS POINT, DRILLING WAS SAID TO HAVE REACHED ONLY 100-200 METERS SHORT OF THE DEPTH AT WHICH OIL WAS DISCOVERED AT ASHDOD 2. THE RESULTS OF THE ASHDOD 3 TEST WERE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST BECAUSE OF THE HOPE THAT ASHDOD 2 HAD PENETRATED ONLY THE EDGE OF A OILFIELD, AND THAT THE DRILLING AT ASHDOD 3 WOULD DISCOVER THE MAIN POOL. THE ARTICLE ALSO NOTED THE PROBLEM PRESENTED BY THE SEEPAGE OF WATER INTO OIL POOLS AT ASHDOD.

2. EMBOFF MET WITH MANAGING DIRECTOR YASUR OF LAPIDOTH, ISRAEL'S OIL PROSPECTING CORPORATION, ON AUGUST 2. YASUR STATED THAT THIS PRESS SPECULATION WAS PREMATURE, AND THAT SO FAR THERE WAS NOTHING AT ASHDOD 3 TO SUGGEST THAT A SUBSTANTIAL OIL FIND WOULD TAKE PLACE.

3. YASUR NOTED THAT LAPIDOTH NOW HAD RIGS OPERATIONAL

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(WITHIN THE GREEN LINE) AT HELETZ, CAESAREA, AND ASHDOD 3,

AND THAT THE RIG AT AMIAZ IS BEING MOVED TO DVORA, IN THE EMEQ
NEAR NAZARETH.

4. YASUR ALSO STATED THE CHARUVIT SITE IN SINAI HAD PROVEN DRY
AND THAT THE RIG THERE WAS BEING MOVED TO THE EL ARISH AREA.
DRILLING ALSO WAS CONTINUING AT ON-SHORE SITE Yael 2 AT A-TUR.
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